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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT  
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Docket Number (Optional)

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First named inventor: Steven K. Colten

Application No.: 10/755,021

Art Unit: 3643

Filed: January 8, 2004

Examiner: Andrea M. Valenti

Title: Apparatus and Method for Increasing Capacity of Automated Litter Box

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**APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION**

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- (1) Petition fee;
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee - required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995; and for all design applications; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

**1. Petition fee**

☒ Small entity-fee \$ 750.00 (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

☐ Other than small entity - fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (37 CFR 1.17(m))

**2. Reply and/or fee**

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- ☐ has been filed previously on \_\_\_\_\_  
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B. The issue fee and publication fee (if applicable) of \$ 700

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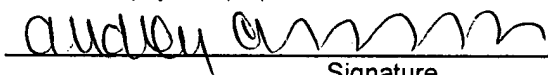
## 3. Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee

☒ Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.☐ A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for a small entity or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for other than a small entity) disclaiming the required period of time is enclosed herewith (see PTO/SB/63).

4. STATEMENT: The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. [NOTE: The United States Patent and Trademark Office may require additional information if there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional (MPEP 711.03(c), subsections (III)(C) and (D)).]

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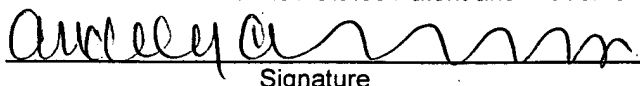
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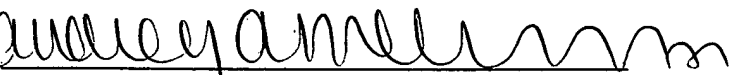
**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.182 TO EXPEDITE PETITION FOR REVIVAL  
OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37  
C.F.R. § 1.137(b)**

Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. section 1.182, please expedite the handling of the Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned Unintentionally Under 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b) filed concurrently herewith.

Enclosed is a fee transmittal form authorizing the payment of the fee for this petition under 37 C.F.R. section 1.17(f) to be paid from our deposit account.

Date: January <sup>24</sup>, 2007

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